

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing method for processing an input image that contains a plurality of objects comprising the steps of:

inputting rendering command statements that specify rendering of the plurality of objects;

analyzing the rendering instructions;

identifying the types of objects; and

if a specific type of object is identified through the identification step, re-inputting the rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the specific type of object so as to correct the specific type of object,

wherein if the specific type of object is not identified through the identification step, a rendering command statement needed for execution of image correction is not re-input.

2. An image processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said specific type of object is a photographic image.

3. An image processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

outputting data representing the corrected object to an image formation unit;

executing said image processing method by a printer driver; and

inputting said rendering command statements from an operating system, which resides in a computer.

4. An image processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

identifying the types of objects; and  
plotting a histogram when a type of object is said specific type, the histogram uses a rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the object; and  
correcting the object whose rendering is specified by the re-input rendering command statement under a condition for image correction drawn from the histogram.

5. An image processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising dividing said input image containing said plurality of objects into a plurality of portions.

6. An image processing method for correcting a specific type of object in an input image, which contains a plurality of objects, under a condition for image correction dependent on a color distribution, said image processing method comprising the steps of:

inputting rendering command statements that specify

rendering of objects belonging to a predetermined area in the input image;

judging whether said rendering command statements each specify rendering of a specific type of object; and

if an object is judged to be the same as the specific type of object that belongs to another predetermined area, a rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the object belonging to the other predetermined area is input to make the judgment.

7. An image processing method according to Claim 6, further comprising:

judging whether a plurality of objects judged to be of said specific type is the same objects; and

correcting the plurality of objects judged to be the same objects.

8. An image processing method according to Claim 7, wherein when an object judged to be of said specific type lies on a border between said predetermined area and an adjoining predetermined area, it is judged that there is a possibility that an object thought to be the same as said specific type of object belongs to the adjoining predetermined area.

9. An image processing apparatus for processing an input image that contains a plurality of objects comprising:

identifying means for inputting rendering command statements that specify rendering of the plurality of objects, analyzing the rendering command statements, and identifying the types of objects; and

image correcting means for, when a specific type of object is identified through the identification, re-inputting a rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the specific type of object so as to correct the specific type of object,

wherein when said identifying means fails to identify the specific type of object, a rendering command statement needed for execution of image correction is not re-input.

10. An image processing apparatus for correcting a specific type of object in an input image, which contains a plurality of objects, under a condition for image correction dependent on a color distribution, said image processing apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting rendering command statements that specify rendering of objects belonging to a predetermined area in the input image; and

judging means for judging whether the rendering command statements each specify rendering of a specific type of

object,

wherein when there is a possibility that an object thought to be the same as the specific type of object belongs to the next predetermined area, a rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the object belonging to the next predetermined area is input to make the judgment.

11. A recording medium in which a program readable by a computer is recorded, comprising:

inputting rendering command statements that specify rendering of the plurality of objects;

analyzing the rendering command statements;

identifying the types of objects; and

if a specific type of object is identified through the identification step, re-inputting a rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the specific type of object, and correcting the specific type of object,

wherein if the specific type of object is not identified through the identification, a rendering command statement needed for execution of image correction is not re-input.

12. A recording medium in which a program readable by a computer is recorded, comprising:

an image processing method for correcting a specific

type of object in an input image, which contains a plurality of objects, under a condition for image correction dependent on a color distribution,

wherein said image processing method comprises the steps of:

inputting rendering command statements that specify rendering of objects belonging to a predetermined area in the input image;

judging whether the rendering command statements each specify rendering of a specific type of object; and

when there is a possibility that an object thought to be the same as the specific type of object belongs to the next predetermined area, inputting a rendering command statement that specifies rendering of the object belonging to the next predetermined area so as to make the judgment.